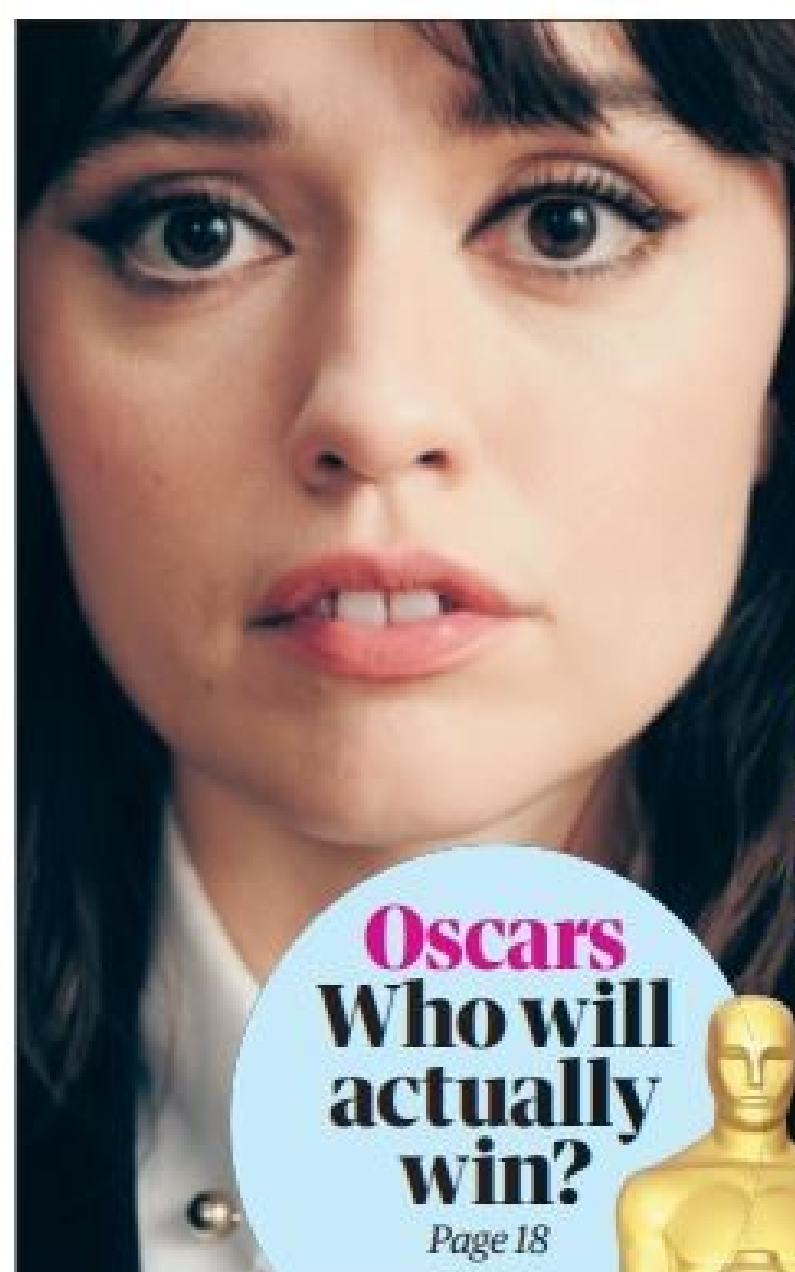




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'You are gambling with world war three' - Trump

Ukrainian president leaves disastrous White House summit early after furious row

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Donald Trump warned Volodymyr Zelenskyy yesterday that the US could cut off military aid and said Kyiv was "gambling with world war three" in a disastrous summit that led to the White House cutting short talks and excoriating the Ukrainian president as not being ready for peace.

Trump received Zelenskyy at the White House to discuss a controversial mineral resources deal that the US president has said is the first step towards a ceasefire agreement that he is seeking to broker between Russia and Ukraine.

But the incendiary meeting degenerated into a shouting match after Zelenskyy suggested that the vice-president, JD Vance, a sceptic on US support for Ukraine, should come to the country to see the destruction from the invasion and said that Russia was responsible



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Dodds quits as minister over cuts to aid budget

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Anneliese Dodds, the international development minister, resigned yesterday over Keir Starmer's decision to slash the international aid budget by

almost half to pay for an increase in defence spending, warning it could allow Russia and China to increase their global influence.

Her departure, just hours after Starmer returned from a widely lauded trip to Washington for crucial talks with Donald Trump on Ukraine,

came as a blow to the prime minister as concerns grew that the aid cut could ultimately damage the UK's national security interests.

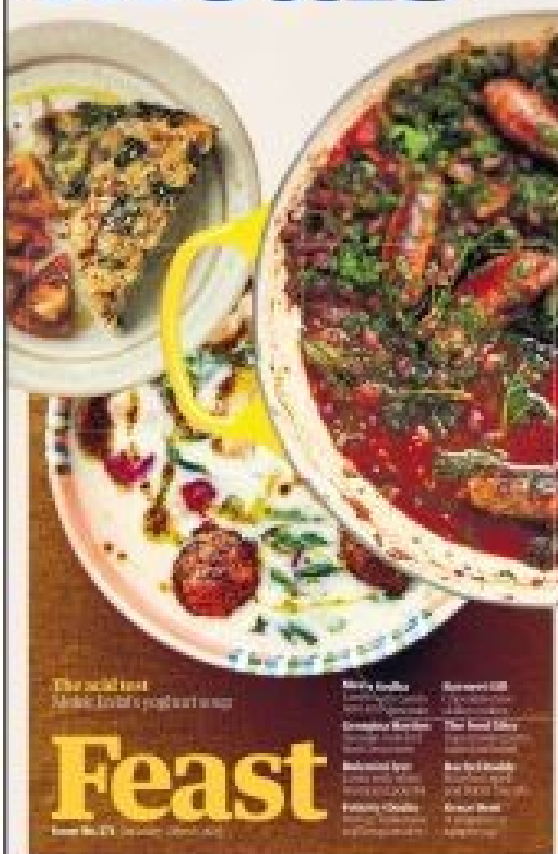
The senior Labour MP, who attended cabinet, predicted that the UK pulling back from international development would bolster Moscow, which has already been aggressively increasing its presence worldwide, as well as encourage Beijing's attempts to rewrite global rules.

In a further setback to his commitment to maintain development spending in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine,

she predicted the government would find it "impossible" with the diminished budget, which will fall by about £6bn by 2027. But Dodds said she firmly believed that Starmer was right to increase defence spending and recognised there were no "easy paths" to take to boost defence spending.

She said she had been prepared for some cuts to the aid budget to help pay for the plan to increase military spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2027 - and an ambition to hit 3% in the next parliament. But the former shadow chancellor said she

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